GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:35
ANSWERED ON:18.02.2003
PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of fertilizers in India vis-Ã -vis total demand during last five years, year- wise;

(b) the manner in which the Government are going to meet the demand following recent closures of fertilizer units;

(c) the details of fertilizers producing PSU units with their installed capacity and actual utilisation; and

(d) the step taken to produce more fertilizers through PSUs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) Year-wise production and demand/consumption of fertilizers in nutrient terms in India during last five years is given below:-

(Lakh MT)

Year	Fertilizer Production		Demand/Consumption		
	Nitrogen (N)	Phosphate (P)	Nitrogen (N)	Phosphate (P)	Potash(K)
1997-98	100.86	29.76	109.00	39.15	13.73
1998-99	104.80	31.44	113.54	41.12	13.32
1999-2000	108.90	33.99	115.92	47.99	16.78
2000-01	109.61	37.43	109.22	42.15	15.67
2001-02	107.68	38.60	113.11	43.82	16.67

The entire quantity of Potash is met through import in the absence no known commercially exploitable reserve in the county.

(b) There is no shortage of fertilizers, as of now, in the country due to the closure of sick fertilizers units as most of these units had not been in operation for the last few years.

(c) Details of fertilizers producing PSUs units with their installed capacity and actual capacity utilisation is given in Annexure.

(d) Step taken to improve the operation of the Public Sector Fertilizer Plants:

Fertilizer Industry specially urea manufactures are facing problems mainly on two accounts for matching the production with installed capacity. First, limitation in availability of natural gas specially for gas based urea plants such as RCF −Thal and KRIBHCO-Hazira and second, frequent shut down/break down of old-vintage plants. Department of Fertilizer is pursuing with Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to make available adequate and qualitative gas to urea Industry. Besides, PSUs have been advised to take steps for long term tie-up with prospective suppliers of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and/or natural gas to overcome constraints in the domestic availability of gas. Many urea units including those of PSUs have also installed dual fuel facility of naphtha for supplementing alternate feed. Capital additions are being recognized under Retention-Cum-Price Subsidy Scheme (RPS) so as to encourage these units to undertake investment for improving their efficiency by expansion/ retrofitting / revamping of existing plants to overcome equipment breakdown etc. Besides, following steps are also being taken by PSUs to improve their operational performance.

1) The revamp of the Namrup units of Bharmputra Valley Fertilizers Corporation Limited at a revised cost of Rs. 509.40 crore, is under active implementation and likely to be completed in May, 2003.

2) Government of India have granted the financial reliefs to the Fertilizers and Chemicals Travanacore Ltd. and Madras Fertilizers Ltd. in March, 2002 and July, 2002 respectively to improve their financial position.

3) Plan assistance is being extended to those PSUs, that are not able to generate internal resources for undertaking capital investment, technology upgradation, renewals and replacement etc.

4) Various cost cutting measures have been under taken by PSUs to bring about fiscal discipline for generating internal resources for better and efficient operations of their plants.

Annexure

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (C) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 35 TO BE ANSWERED ON 1 02-2002.

Unit-wise annual installed capacity in nutrient terms and %age of capacity utilization of PSUs under the administrative control of Department of Fertilizers during 2001-02:

Name of the PSUs/ Unit (as on 31-3-02)	Annual Installed Capacity (`000'MT) 2001-02	%age capacity utilisation
Nitrogen		
FCI:Sindri Modn.	151.8	3.1
FCI:Gorakhpur @	0.0	0.0
FCI:Ramagundam @	0.0	0.0
FCI:Talcher @	0.0	0.0
NFL:Nangal-I	80.0	13.0
NFL:Nangal-II	227.7	95.9
NFL:Bhatinda	235.3	100.5
NFL:Panipat	235.3	100.0
NFL:Vijaipur	392.6	100.0
NFL:Vijaipur Expn.	392.6	100.0
BVFCL:Namrup-I@	0.0	0.0
BVFCL:Namrup-II @	0.0	0.0
BVFCL:Namrup-III	151.8	19.5
BVFCL:Durgapur @	0.0	0.0
BVFCL:Barauni @	0.0	0.0
FACT:Udyogamandal	77.0	114.1
FACT:Cochin-I	151.8	6.7
FACT:Cochin-II	97.0	127.7
RCF:Trombay	45.0	117.1
RCF:Trombay-IV	75.1	74.4
RCF:Trombay-V	151.8	11.9
RCF:Thal	683.1	97.7
MFL:Chennai	366.7	62.9
PPL:Paradeep#	129.6	31.8
Phosphate		
FACT:Udyogamandal	29.7	139.4
FACT:Cochin-II	97.0	127.7
RCF:Trombay	45.0	117.1
RCF:Trombay-IV	75.1	74.4
MFL:Chennai	142.8	69.5
PPL:Paradeep#	331.2	30.9
PPCL:Amjhore@	42.2	0.0
PPCL:Saladipura@	15.8	0.0

@ Unit closed .
# Disinvested on 28-02-2002.